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FDR Memorial Pool Fund Drive To Open June 4

Crippled Children To Benefit from Gift

Beginning next Monday, a month long drive will get under way to collect funds from all CIO members for the erection of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial wading pool to be erected for the Toledo Society for Crippled Children at "Opportunity Home," 2740 W. Central Ave.

Plans to erect the pool at the W. Central Ave. site for the crippled children were announced on May 18 by Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director after a committee from CIO unions agreed that this gift would be the most fitting to commemorate the memory of the late President Roosevelt.

To Distribute Cans

Tom Burke, secretary of the FDR Memorial Fund announced that the fund would be collected in all CIO shops in accordance with an agreement between CIO unions. Cans will be distributed early next week to all shops and will be passed out through all shop departments.

The collection will be continued through July 3.

Several large shop units had offered Mr. Gosser an outright gift of the money to build the pool, but it was the feeling of the committee in charge of the project that the entire CIO in Toledo should participate in the memorial to honor President Roosevelt in a special way.

Work To Begin

Work will begin on the project as soon as men and materials become available it was announced by Richard Gosser, chairman of the FDR Memorial Fund Drive.

Members of the board of trustees of the Toledo Society of Crippled Children have agreed that the gift would be both practical and timely and Frazier Reams, Ohio Welfare Director in a letter to the Memorial committee expressed his appreciation of the gift.

"I want to express my appreciation for the wading pool which the CIO is giving this institution. It is really one of the most practical and far-reaching gifts that anyone has ever contributed" wrote Mr. Reams.

Members of the Memorial committee will meet at Local 12 headquarters on June 4 to complete their plans for the circulation of the fund containers.

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Time for Plain Talk

By Tom Burke
Vice-President Local 12, UAW-CIO

Last week we talked about the issue of the Plan Commission appointment. This week we will take up the matter of the Clark street and Woodville intersection.

The Blade has stated that the issue involved here is sectionalism versus modernization. Pardon me, Mr. Blade, if I seem to disagree. Call it yielding to pressure if you wish, but I can't help but think that the word modernization is a relative term.

If someone were to attempt to rewrite the Star Spangled Banner in jive it might be modernization to some, but to most of us it would be desecration.

MODERNIZATION

All modernization, whether it be streamlining of products ranging from garbage cans to railroad trains, or the creation of labor saving devices for home, farm and factory, serves aesthetic or functional purposes or both. If modernization does not serve some need of people it is useless.

The repairing and reconstruction of Woodville street is a worthwhile piece of modernization. Those of us who make our living from the automotive industry know that we must have good roads for the use of our product or we can't continue to make it, regardless how beautiful or functional the car we build may be. If there were no room provided on which to operate our cars ,they would have no function. The more cars we build and the more modern they are designed, the more extensive and modern must be our highway system to handle them.

NOT SIMPLE PROBLEM

The problem that is presented by the present issue in Council is not a simple one of sectionalism versus modernization. It is rather a fundamental question of how much can a community be hurt before modernization becomes a detriment to society rather than a benefit.

In all communities we have institutions which are beneficial to society, such as churches, schools, community houses, libraries, and yes, even union halls. The question is, can we cut off all access, or make such access extremely difficult to these established community institutions without injuring all of society?

In this particular instance we

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PAC Circulates PR Petitions

Hundreds of petitions calling for repeal of the PR system of electing city councilmen are being circulated this week in CIO shops and throughout several neighborhoods, it was announced early this week by Clayton Rusch, PAC chairman.

Circulation of the petitions is being done by PAC members who secured 3500 names to the first petitions when they circulated them a few weeks ago. PAC officers and members said they did not anticipate any difficulty in securing an adequate number of signatures and expressed the belief that the work of getting the required names would be accomplished quickly.

To place the issue on the ballot for the fall election requires 10 per cent of the number of voters in the last general election, or 13,500 valid signatures.

Packard MESA Is Worried

Evidence that William Wiseboom, MESA chairman at the Packard Motor Car Co. put himself in a tight spot when he brought about the discharge of Al Clayton and resignation of Harold Barton last week was shown in the re-hiring of Barton on May 21 as a worker in the MESA controlled tool room at the Aviation Products Co., a subsidiary of the Electric Auto-Lite Corporation.

Barton, who did not show the slightest hesitation in telling Wiseboom what he thought of him and the MESA, had no difficulty whatever in securing another job under MESA jurisdiction, proof sufficient, according to both MESA and UAW-CIO employees at the Packard plant that the MESA did not want Barton talking too freely to UAW-CIO officers or members.

Wiseboom Is Worried

Mr. Wiseboom is frankly worried and is reported to have told several lukewarm MESA employees at Packard that he regards the hiring of Barton at Auto-Lite as a slap in the face to himself. He has even broadly intimated that he was seriously considering quitting his Packard job and returning to Detroit and asking Matt Smith for some easier assignment.

Present MESA difficulties at the Packard plant arose two weeks ago when Al Clayton told Chairman Wiseboom that he was fed up with MESA "dirty politics" and threatened to tell all to the UAW-CIO leadership about the MESA's attempted raiding of the Auto Workers union. Mr. Clayton is still unemployed on the insistance of Mr. Wiseboom.

Chief among the MESA chairman's worries is the talk that is going around MESA Packard workers relative to the classifications which it carved out for itself at previous NLRB hearings. MESA, according to its own claims, does not want all the workers, but only some of them. This say MESA members is in line with MESA policy of

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Glass Workers Open PAC Drive

Excellent results were obtained by Local 9 Flat Glass Workers-CIO in the inauguration of their drive for PAC memberships at their meeting of May 25. Many new members were signed and a large number signified their intention of joining.

Representing PAC was Ollie Pecord, managing editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL who outlined the purposes of the organization and urged the glass workers to not only joint PAC but to take an active part in the work which the organization is doing to advance social legislation beneficial to labor.

John B. O'Shea, Local 9 chairman who heads the PAC in his union spoke of the benefits which could be obtained by the workers organizing themselves for political action and said that it was not only necessary to work for social legislation, but that the right people must be elected to see that laws advocated by labor be placed upon the statute books.

Sixty new members were signed up at the meeting.

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CIO Endorses New Wagner Bill

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (LPA)—The CIO last week gave full endorsement to the new social security bill introduced in Congress by Senators Wagner and Murray and Rep. Dingell.

CIO President Philip Murray said that the CIO will urge its members "to lend every support to early hearings before the appropriate committees."

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FDR Dimes Timed For March of Dimes

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A new dime, bearing Franklin Delano Roosevelt's likeness, is to be minted as soon as possible, the Treasury announced here recently, and may be ready for distribution by the end of the year.

ATTENTION VETERANS

Due to the absence from the city of officers of the Local 12 Veteran's Committee to attend the Veterans Re-employment conference being held in Cincinnati, June 5, the regular meeting of the committee has been postponed to June 12.

No Third Party Says Hillman

NEW YORK, May 29 (LPA)—Organized labor "will not create a third party, but will continue to work with both major parties," according to Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, in an article in the June issue of "Reader's Scope."

Labor's political future in the U. S., Hillman said, "rests with its mature conviction that what is good for the majority of the people is good for labor, that to attain the people's objectives labor must function within the existing two political parties, and that its political activities must reach down to the county and township level.

Labor Political Future

"Labor's political future will depend on the effectiveness of its organizational research and educational programs. And knowing this, labor will undoubtedly develop the most progressive and advanced educational program which will be a boon to adult education in America in general. Of necessity, some aspects of this education will liberalize public opinion and stimulate local expression."

PAC, said Hillman, "has established the early patterns. Labor will not discard them. It will use them, and improve them, and increase them. And wherever labor plants its political seed, democracy with all its political and cultural implications, will thrive and grow strong, as the union song has it, just like a tree that's planted by the waters."

FDR Pool To Benefit Little Ones

Kiddies loke these shown above, inmates of the Toledo Society for Crippled Children "Opportunity Home" will be among those who will benefit from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Wading Pool to be erected by Toledo CIO unions on the Society's Central Ave. property. Thousands of generous-hearted CIO workers will give to the fund which will establish a memorial to the late President, and at the same time furnish the home with a practical and needed pool for the little ones.

Labor Backs New Fight On Social Security Bill

Murray, Dingell Submit "Cradle-To-Grave" Legislation

WASHINGTON, May 29 (LPA)—With the wholehearted backing of all organized labor, a new "cradle to the grave" social security bill, containing health insurance and liberal unemployment insurance benefits, has been reintroduced in Congress.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D., N. Y.) submitted the measure to the Senate, with Sen. James E. Murray (D., Montana) as co-sponsor, and Rep. John D. Dingell (D., Mich.) presented it in the House.

A similar measure was put before Congress last year, but died with adjournment. The new bill carries some substantial modifications designed in part to meet previous objections, and it may, therefore, have a better chance of passage.

Highlights of Bill

Highlights of the bill are:

1. It would establish a national system of unemployment insurance to replace the present 48 different state systems, and would provide uniform benefits of up to $30 a week for 52 weeks a year during joblessness and temporary disability.

2. It would set up a health insurance system, under which medical and hospital costs of insured workers would be paid for in advance through payroll deductions.

3. It would provide a national system of employment offices to facilitate finding of jobs for unemployed workers after the war.

4. It would extend old age pension protection to 15,000,000 persons not now covered—such as farm workers, domestics, small business men and others.

5. It would provide for joint Federal-State financing of new hospitals, health centers and clinics in rural areas.

6. It would give 12 months of maternity benefits to women

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Secretary Pledged Support

WASHINGTON, May 29 (LPA)—When Lewis B. Schwellenbach, 50-year-old progressive Westerner, steps down from the bench and takes over the helm as Secretary of labor in the administration of his office, he will receive the cooperation of labor. This cooperation has been assured him by the leaders of all branches of the labor movement.

Lewis B. Schwellenbach

Schwellenbach's appointment was predicted by Labor Press Associates many weeks ago. Official word of his selection came from President Truman at a dramatic press conference last week, out of which also emerged the news of a three-ply cabinet shakeup.

Besides naming Schwellenbach to succeed Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, Truman replaced two other cabinet members who resigned — Attorney General Francis Biddle by Biddle's assistant, Thomas C. Clark, and Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard by Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D. N. M.)

Truman Picks Friend

In naming Schwellenbach, Truman picked a close personal friend and one who has had a record of consistent progressivism and friendship toward organized labor. Born in Wisconsin, Schwellenbach moved with his family to the state of Wash-

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Soldiers Want Old Jobs Back

WASHINGTON, May 22 — (LPA)—More than two-thirds of all men now in the army plan to take jobs as employes after discharge, according to a survey of postwar plans of troops made by the Information and Education Division, Army Service Forces. More than three-fourths of all Army men worked for an employer before entering the Army.

The Army's announcement said that its survey found that "probably over three-fourts of all men will again become employes, since many who are tentatively considering other alternatives such as self-employment are likely to take jobs as employes in Government or private industry after the war."

Among former employes, only about one-half of the white and one-third of the Negro enlisted men plan to do the same type of work they performed in civilian life. On the basis of the present plans, about two-fifths of all the men, according to the War Dept. are likely to go back to their old employer.

Ohio Labor-Management Pact Breaks Down

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 28—Initial efforts to extend on an Ohio state level the Labor-management Agreement reached on a national basis have broken down according to Jack Kroll, President of the Ohio CIO Council. Labor Representatives of CIO and AFL met three times with Herschel Atkinson, President of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce to reach an understanding similar to the one reached by Eric Johnston, national President of the Chamber of Commerce; Philip Murray, President of the CIO; and William Green, President of the AFL. This agreement, widely hailed in press and radio as an historic understanding between management and labor, was projected on a state level in the meetings held in Columbus.

When the exploratory meetings were concluded on a favorable note, Mr. Atkinson presented the Labor-Management Charter to his Board of Directors for approval. Word came back that the Board was not yet ready to sanction on a state level what the national Board had quickly approved on a national level. The matter may be taken up at a later date by the Ohio Chamber Executive Board, but at the present moment the Board's action stands as a vote of no confidence to the national Chamber of Commerce.

AFL Paper Scored By Union Leadership

Ad Attacking Murray-Dingell Bill Draws Fire

WASHINGTON, May 29 (LPA)—AFL President William Green last week denonuced a full page unsigned advertisement which appeared in an Ohio AFL paper that terms itself on its page-1 mast-head the "Leading Labor Publication in the United States."

Labor Press Associates brought the attention of AFL officials and President Green to an eight-column advertisement in the May 18 isssue of "The Labor Union", published in Dayton, Ohio, by J. E. Breidenbach. The ad attacked the Wagner-Murray bill which provides for a vastly expanded social security program including Federal health insurance and unemployment compensation.

All sections of organized labor, the AFL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods, have announced full support of the legislation. Coming just at the time Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D. N. Y.) introduced the bill, the ad was headlined in large bold-face type, "Does Labor Want 'Dictated Health'?"

Echoing the most discredited arguments of the reactionary American Medical Assn. the ad said that "Wartime fervor . . . is

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Superior Spinning Election Date Set

Arrangements have been completed between the Superior Spinning and Stamping Co. and Local 12, UAW-CIO to conduct a consent election under the supervision of the National Labor Relations Board.

The election which will be held at the company's plant on June 5 excludes supervision and office workers and gives all other employees on the payroll as of May 19 eligibility to vote. Time of voting will be between 5:00 and 6:00 p. m.

With a majority of the company employees enrolled in Local 12, it is confidently expected that the results will be decisive and that the workers will become another unit of the Local.

"Labor Union" Competes With Union Leader

"The Labor Union" reactionary Dayton union paper published by J. E. Bridenbach, announced several weeks ago that it would issue a Toledo edition of its paper to compete with the "Union Leader" official Toledo AFL paper which has been the publication of the Central Labor Union in Toledo for many years.

Local AFL officials have accused Oliver Meyers, head of the Building Trades in Toledo of being instrumental in bringing the reactionary Dayton sheet into this city as his mouthpiece in the AFL factional fight. The paper has been soundly condemned by Tom Quinn, President of the Central Labor Union as well as other AFL leaders outside the building trades.

W. G. Marlowe former advertising solicitor for the Union Leader discharged by several other labor papers in the area is managing editor of the Toledo edition of "The Labor Union."

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Raise Wages ---It's Okay

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Wage rates may be raised to 55c an hour without obtaining permission from the National War Labor Board, its was announced here last week. Heretofore an application for raising wage rates was necessary.

Labor Challenges Churchill Leadership In Elections

WASHINGTON, May 29 (LPA)—For the first time in a decade, Great Britain faces a national election campaign, with the Labor Party challenging the present majority rule of Winston Churchill's Conservative party.

The election was precipitated last week when Churchill, who formed an all-party coalition government in the days of 1940 when the Germans were driving British armies off the continent of Europe, wrote to Labor Party leader Clement Atle that the Laborites could choose to remain in the coalition until Japan was beaten, or bear the responsibility for an immediate election.

The Labor Party, which was holding its annual conference in Blackpool at the time, took up the challenge. Churchill accordingly resigned, and on the same day was asked by the King to form an interim government until July 5, the date set for the elections.

While regretting that Churchill wished to take advantage of his popularity as war leader of the British people, at a time when victory over Germany had been so recently won, the Labor Party voted to contest the election.

The Labor Party will contest the election on the basis of a platform announced several months ago. It has as its aim the building of a "Socialist Commonwealth of Great Britain." Major domestic planks, over which the sharpest clashes are expected, call for nationalization of such industries as railroads and coal mines, and gradual nationalization of others. Monopolies and cartels should be supervised by the government in the interest of the people, the Labor declaration asserts.

Britain has the choice, speakers in the opening of the election drive told the voters, of steering a course toward a "socialist economy" between the "extremely free enterprise" of the U. S. and the completely state-controled economy of Russia.

In international affairs, the platform of the Labor Party calls for the development of higher living standards throughout the world, as the greatest safeguard of a secure domestic economy. The big three powers — Russia, Great Britain and the U. S.— must work together in international affairs, the Labor party asserts.

A vigorous drive for votes is expected from the Laborites, who have voted to raise a campaign fund of $1,000,000.

Labor is now the official opposition party, with 170 seats in Parliament to the Conservatives' 315, out of 615 seats.

Fight To Save OPA Looms

WASHINGTON, May 29 (LPA)—A knock down drag out fight is going to have to take place if an effective price control and rationing program is to continue after June 30, it became clear here last week.

Forces seeking to kill the Price Control Act, or to cripple it with amendments, have been working since February to block the resolution to extend the act, still in the House and Senate committees dealing with OPA.

Meanwhile, labor, consumer and civic groups have set June 10-17 as Fight Inflation Week, during which they plan to mobilize organized groups and individuals to defense of the Price Control Act.

While hearings on extension of the Act have ended before the Senate Banking Committee no action has yet been announced; the House Banking Committee is just starting its hearings on the extension.

One major shortage—that of meat—has been attributed to OPA's "bungling" by profit-seeking meat processors. A government program of subsidy payments, setting slaughter quotas for civilian and military use, and following the movement of all livestock from farm to public stock and sales yards was announced last week by Fred M. Vinson, director of the office of War Mobilization and Reconversion.

Vinson's action, plus the firing of Marvin Jones as War Food Administrator by President Truman, was expected to result in a vastly improved meat production program, Jones, taking his

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workers prior to and after the birth of a child.

7. The whole program would be financed by a payroll tax of 4 percent on employees and 4 percent on employers for all earnings up to $3600 a year. The present social security tax is 1 percent, but destined eventually to rise to 3 percent. The 4 percent rate, however, is a sharp reduction from the 6 percent figure in last year's Wagner-Murray-Dingell bills.

Wagner Tells Senate

In submitting the measure, Wagner told the Senate:

"This bill improves and extends our social security system . . . it has the strong endorsement of the responsible and patriotic American labor leadership, as well as the Farmers' Union and other organizations.

"This bill provides protection agains the major economic hazards besetting American families —the cost of medical and hospital care, loss of income in case of unemployment, temporary sickness, extended disability, retirement, or death of the breadwinner.

"All these changes are accomplished under a national system of social insurance, with one set of contributions, one set of records and reports, and one set of local offices for all the programs that provide cash benefits. The bill also gives the war veteran and his family wage credits for periods of service in the armed forces under every phase of this insurance protection."

Assails Medical Leaders

Wagner assailed propaganda spread by certain medical leaders that health insurance constituted "socialized medicine." He pointed out that insured persons under the bill would have the right to choose their own doctors from among those who participate in the program.

Chief opposition to the bill is expected on two scores: the health insurance provision and the proposal for a Federal unemployment compensation system.

The American Medical Assn., which was primarily instrumental in having the legislation ditched last year, is expected to raise the traditional hue and cry of "socialized medicine." The AMA was found to be a medical monopoly and in criminal violation of the anti-trust laws by the U. S. Supreme Court last year. Historically, the AMA, opposed by many liberal physicians, has fought cooperative low cost health programs and group health insurance plans.

Federalization

Federalization of unemployment compensation will be opposed by sweatshop employers in those states that have unemployment compensation benefit rates ranging as low as $5 or $6 a week. A Federal system would force all such rates upward to at least a bare subsistance level.

Wagner sought to have the bill go to the liberal-minded Senate Labor and Education Committee for hearings, but he lost out. Because it involves financing it was referred by the Senate to the more hostile Finance Commitee. In the House the measure was sent to the Ways and Means Committee for hearings.

Major support of the bill during hearings is expected to come from unions, many of whom are already preparing their testimony. Union members everywhere can help out by writing or wiring their members of Congress—Senators and Representatives—to support the bill.

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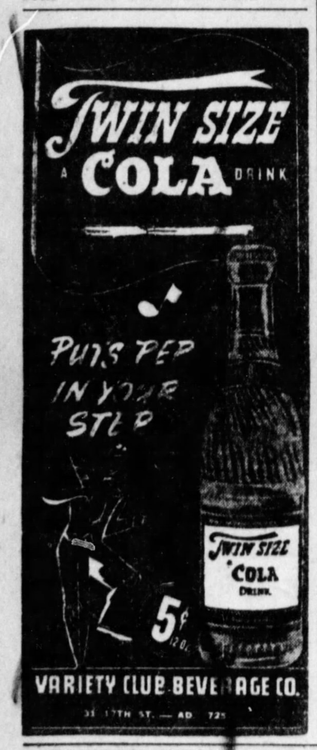

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accepting only workers in classifications of their own choice. In the face of this evidence, the Packard MESA has petitioned the NLRB for an election of Packard production workers whose bargaining rights are held by Local 12, United Auto Workers—CIO.

Questions Being Asked

Questions are being asked by Packard MESA workers who were members of an exclusive union which did not seek or want production workers. Said one of them, "If we both are going to belong to MESA, skilled and production workers, we might as well have picked the UAW-CIO in the first place, we were told that MESA did not want anyone but skilled workers."

Meantime, MESA Chairman Wiseboom is making an issue of Al Clayton and is reported to have told Earl Streeter, head of the MESA in the Toledo area, that if Clayton goes to work under MESA jurisdiction he will resign from his job and return to his home in Detroit.

Political Action

by Clayton Rusch
Chairman
of the Political Action Committee

The bills to increase unemployment compensation in Ohio, which have taken so much of our attention lately will soon be before the Ohio Legislature for passage. These bills call for increasing unemployment compensation from $16 for 18 weeks to $25 for 26 weeks.

Organized labor throughout the state will send representatives to Columbus to lobby for passage of these bills which are known as Senate bill 94 and House bill 167. These lobbyists from shops all over the state will let the legislators know how organized labor feels about this legislation.

If it were not an important bill the Unions would not spend the money which it will cost to be heard on the measure. Yet the labor representatives are speaking for organizations. In this respect they will not command any more attention than the representatives of big business who will be mobilized to prevent passage of these bills.

The legislators are quite naturally interested in the reaction of the people. For example, if a particular piece of legislation will please the big shots of business and not be given enough publicity to antagonize a sizeable proportion of the people, that is one thing. However, if a piece of legislation is so obnoxious to the people that it's passage will result in opposition at the polls, that is something else. Likewise, if passage of a piece of legislation is demanded by the people, that fact will effect the results, because the legislators are always interested in being reelected.

LETTERS

Therefore all the arguments that can be advanced by the labor representatives on the bills to increase unemployment compensation will not carry the same weight as letters from the voters to the legislators.

These letters or post cards should be sent to State Senators Raymond Hildebrand and Virgil Cramer and State Representatives, Wm. Donovan, Opal Mundy, Fred Hunt, Chester Early and Ben. Reading, at the State House, Columbus, Ohio.

The letters can be very simple. It is only necessary to ask your representative to support Senate bill 94 and House bill 167, or to ask them to support the bills which will increase unemployment compensation from $16 for 18 weeks to $25 for 26 weeks.

Don't put this off as it will soon be too late. Don't depend on others to write because the letters of all of us are needed to assure passage of these bills. As your contribution to the cause of Social Legislation sit down right now and get these letters or cards off to the legislators. They tell us that they are interested in us every time they seek election or re-election. Let us show them that we are interested in them, not only at election time, but all the time.

OTHER BILLS

There are other important bills which come up before the legislature that are of particular interest to the workers. It is the task of the PAC to keep the people informed on these matters so that they can keep an eye on their elected representatives.

On Saturday, June 2nd, the Ohio legislators from Lucas County will hold an open meeting starting at 2:00 p. m. in the City Council Chambers of the Toledo Safety Building. At this meeting representatives of the PAC and of the labor movement, as well as representatives of social agencies will present the desires of the workers relative to the various bills now pending and soon to be voted on. Everyone interested in improving the welfare of the people through effective political action should make an effort to be present. Those attending will be entitled to be heard if they wish. Such meetings will help offset the campaign against our program which big business spends so much time and money to defeat.

Membership in PAC is only one dollar per year and includes membership in the National, State and County PAC as well as your own neighborhood Ward or Township Club. If you are not a member, join now and take part in our crusade for passage of Social Legislation.

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are creating a very great hazard to children attending one public and one parochial school.

If the Clark Street situation remains as it is, a funeral procession would have to cross the Cherry Street bridge, proceed through the downtown section to the High Level bridge and recross the river in order to pull up in front of the Good Shepard Church. It would have to go four miles to cover three blocks.

I have talked with many truck drivers and they are generally in favor of the original plan of cutting off cross traffic at this intersection. They naturally feel this way because it is a tough job to nurse a big truck and trailer up the bridge incline if they don't get much of a start. Most of them said, however, that the most they use this bridge is every other day and that on their trips they hang back so they can make both the Oak and Clark street lights on one pass.

USED INTERSECTION

The residents of that neighborhood spend all of their lives there and have always used that intersection. Many of them were carried across this intersection to be baptized, walked across it to go to school, drove across it to be married, and are again carried across it for burial. Many have been required to use this intersection to reach their homes or leave them going to and from work, the grocery store, and the little everyday homey tasks they do to live a full life.

For your information, Mr. Blade, the engineers are now studying to reach a solution to the problem. The residents are not opposed to progress or modernization. However, they feel that modernization should serve their needs too. Merely dismissing their case by accusing them of narrow sectionalism will not solve a problem. Here, as in every case, modernization must be pliable enough to fill the needs of society and until it does it cannot be functional.

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ington when only a youngster of eight. He studied law, and during his earlier years as an attorney defended unions in many cases, particularly in bitter strike battles. He crusaded, too, for public ownership of electric power.

When he ran for the U. S. Senate in 1934 on the Democratic ticket, an outstanding feature of his campaign was his advocacy of 'production for use." His platform called for creation of a state industrial authority which, with the assitance of federal funds, would take over idle factories and abandoned farms and operate them, putting "people to work at decent wages."

Fought Jap Sales

As a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committe, he put up a stiff battle to stop the sale of scrap iron to Japan, and sought legislation toward that end. Schwellenbach also advocated nationalization of the munitions industry to "take the profits out of war."

Like Truman, Schwellenbach is a veteran of the first World War. He fought inside the American Legion against the reactionaries who were in control in his home state and who often used the Legion for "vigilante" attacks on striking workers. Victory in that battle came when he was elected state commander of the Legion.

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CIO Son Wins Highest Award

WASHINGTON, May 26 (LPA)—The son of a member of the Industrial Union of Marine & Shipbuilding Workers, CIO, last week was given the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Harry Truman in a joint session of Congress, the first such ceremony of both houses in American history. The hero was Technical Sergeant Jake W. Lindsey, of Lucedale, Miss.

The proud father, the War Department announced, is a CIO employee of the Alabama Dry Docks & Shipbuilding Corp., Mobile, Ala. The Congressional Medal of Honor is the nation's highest award for gallantry above and beyond the call of duty.

Sgt. Lindsey, the War Department revealed, was a platoon leader with the First Army near Hamich, Germany, on Nov. 16, 1944, when he attacked a strong German position. During the action he received a painful shrapnel wound in the knee but stayed at his post when a fresh company of German infantrymen, supported by five tanks, counterattacked, concentrating fire on the remaining six men of his platoon.

Lindsey, from an exposed position in front of his platoon stopped the advance of the enemy infantry with accurate rifle fire.

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cue from the food industry, had advocated a "bare shelf" policy so that at the end of the war there would be no surplus stocks of food on hand. Labor and consumer representatives attribute a large part of the meat shortage to Jones' optimistic estimate that the war would end last fall, and his resulting curtailment in meat production.

Just as Jones' short-sighted program is only now affecting the consumers, it will be some time, government experts assert, before there will be any actual results of the new program in the form of fresh meat on the butcher counters.

Meanwhile, consumer and labor leaders point out, a strong OPA is needed to see that available supplies are shared fairly, and that black marketing is wiped out.

Consolidation of the war food agencies under the Dept. of Agriculture, announced last week by President Truman, may help, labor men here assert, but they are waiting to see what is done by ex-Congresman Clinton P. Anderson, new Secretary of Agriculture, and Paul C. Stark, director of Home Food Supply in WFA, to insure full production on American farms.

Tune In WTOL Every Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Union Ask Probe Of Army Lobby

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (LPA)—An investigation by the Dept. of Justice has been asked into charges that Army personnel has been assigned to lobby for passage of legislation on peacetime compulsory military training. The Michigan Labor Comittee Against Peacetime Conscription has written to the Dept., asking about reports that Maj. Gen. Walter L. Weible, director of military training of the Army Service Forces, and his entire department, as well as one man in each corps area office, are devoting their time to promotion of peacetime conscription.

Meanwhile, the American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries-AFL executive committee, meeting here last week, stated that wives of union men believe that whatever postwar army is needed by America for defense can and should be built up voluntarily and not by conscription.

Present rates of pay in the armed services should be doubled for peacetime, the committee urged. Such action, it contended, would attract all the men required for an adequate army, without compulsion.

Hearings on the bill are scheduled to start before the House Committee on Postwar Military Policy on June 4.

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Volunteer FEPC Formed

PHILADELPHIA (LPA) — Voluntary compliance with the principles of fair employment practice in business and labor dealings is being pledged by employers and employes alike, as part of a drive conducted by the Council for Equal Job Opportunity here. The aid of the Chamber of Commerce, CIO and AFL was asked at a meeting of the Council last week. Copies of the pledge will be circulated in the community, and firms signing up will receive a certificate, suitable for framing and display.

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being used to foist on the American bills that has been introduced in Congress since the founding of the Republic."

President Green, when shown the ad, minced no words in his condemnation of it. In a letter to the editor of "The Labor Union" he termed the ad "vicious propaganda" and asked that his letter be published by the paper as a repudiation of the ad and as an expression of the AFL's true position in regard to the legislation.

Endorsed by Unions

Sen. Wagner's office told LPA that not a single union group in the nation is on record, as far as they know, against the bill, while all major labor organizations and scores of local unions have fully endorsed it.

Mast-head of the paper gives J. E. Breidenbach as president, James R. Anderson, editor, and Richard S. Jamison, associate editor.

Nelson Cruikshank, director of the AFL's Social Insurance activities, joined Green in condemning the ad, "The principles of the Wagner-Murray bill were twice endorsed unanimously by the AFL convention," he said. "Any attack on the bill plays into the hands of the selfish interests that are opposing it on trumped up and fictitious charges of socialized medicine. Such an advertisement also goes against the support of the bill given by a large liberal segment of the medical profesion."

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Recruiting Bonuses OK'd

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Employers in need of more labor may pay bonuses to employes who recruit new workers, the Natl. War Labor Board declared last week. It directed the regional board at Kansas City to reconsider a case in which a plan for payment of such bonuses, submitted by the Aluminum Company of America for its plant in Malvern, Ark., had been rejected. The regional board's denial was based on the false assumption that such bonuses are contrary to stabilization regulations, the WLB declared.

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Status Of WLB Cases

Editor's Note: Following is the latest report compiled by Local 12 of Unit cases before the War Labor Board. Changes in status and new cases will be reported as important changes occur.

Acme Specialty—Janitors 5c increase on Form 10.

Bliss Foundry—Company ordered to negotiate wage inequalities that exist in this plant. This plant uses what the Company refers to as a "Random rate range." The dictionary says the word "random" means—in a haphazard manner, left to chance or done without previous calculation.

Burt Foundry — Vacation granted which amounts to 48 hours for one year or more and 96 hours for 5 years or more.

Dupont Chemical — Granted time-and-one-half for the sixth day worked. (Saturday).

Gordon—Board agreed that time off for Union work can be counted as time worked when computing pay for the sixth day.

Hall Mfg.—Tool and Die makers granted rate range of $1.15 to $1.50.

Plaskon—It took a year to do it, but this Unit finally got a good contract thru the Board. Also, three Still Operator Helpers got a 3c increase.

Rathbun Jones—Shake out and Lay off men got increases of 3c and 8c.

Spicer Office Workers—These people took advantage of Unionism and got themselves a standard 48 and 96 hour vacation.

Swartzbaugh—Class A Tool and Die Makers increased to $1.40 to $1.55 Class B $1.20 to $1.40.

Tillotson—Millwrights increased $1.05 to $1.25.

Toledo Standard Commutator—Granted a new vacation plan. 2% of the total earnings for one year or more and 4% for five years or more. Also, an added 5c for second shift employees and 10c for third shift.

Toledo Steel Products—This company thought it could terminate the contract in spite of the automatic extending duration clause. The regional board thought differently. The Company appealed to Washington but was turned down. Result—the contract is still in force.

Toledo Steel Tube—Welding Machine Operators and Set-up men receive a 10c increase.

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FEPC Threatened With Filibuster

WASHINGTON, May 29 — (LPA)—Threats of a Senate filibuster to kill legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee were again heard on Capitol Hill last week, as the Senate Labor and Education Committee voted 12 to 6 to approve of the bill.

Supporters of the bill expect their toughest fight in the Senate, and are already organizing delegations from every part of the nation to come to Washington in the event of a filibuster, to tell Senators why it is urgent that the bill be passed.

Meanwhile, House Labor Committee head Mary Norton (D. N. J.) last week saw President Truman and came away assured of White House support for favorable action on the FEPC bill in the House. No indication has been given, however, that White House pressure will be exerted to prevent an ugly filibuster by Southern Senators when the bill reaches the Senate floor.

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Superseniority Splits Groups

WASHINGTON, May 26 (LPA) — Complete confusion reigned in Washington this week on the question of superseniority for returning veterans. The Justice Department wants it tested in the courts; the Labor Dept. is opposed to superseniority as interpreted by Selective Service Director Hershey.

At issue was Memorandum 190A, an interpretation of the Selective Service Act which would permit World War II vets to bump World War I vets or anyone else with greater accumulated seniority out of their jobs. All of organized labor has agreed to the idea that a soldier accumulates seniority on his job for time spent in the armed forces.

The Justice Dept. notified all Federal attorneys to represent GI's claiming superseniority but warned that since superseniority is not free from doubt under the Act the Justice Dept. will expect the attorneys to present the issue to the courts with full candor. The Justice Dept. also emphasized that all cases involving the closed shop should be referred to the department before court action is taken. Union leaders have contended that literal interpretation of Memorandum 190A could be used by anti-union employers as a union-busting weapon.

Labor Dept. Dissatisfied

The Labor Dept. is not at all satisfied with Hershey's ideas on superseniority. An official memorandum, not designed for publication, from the Douglas B. Maggs, Labor Dept. Solicitor, to Howard T. Colvin, acting director of the Conciliation Service, declared that "The Department of Labor interprets certain provisions of the Selective Service Training Act differently from the Selective Service Administration. These interpretations of the Department of Labor are no more binding than the interpretations of the Selective Service Administration. They are maintained, however, not only by the Department, but also by business institutions and labor organizations."

The total effect of the Labor Department's position is to give greater emphasis to existing union contracts in decisions on seniority. Crux of the difference was expressed by the Maggs statement that "It is our view that the returning veteran is entitled to his place on the seniority list in the business establishment and that the statute does not call for the displacement of senior workers in the event the force has been reduced to such an extent that the issue is raised."

Out of the confusion and differences between the Justice Dept., Labor Dept. and the Selective Service System one clear fact emerged. Neither the Justice Dept. nor the Labor Dept. fully share the opinion of Selective Service on superseniority. Therefore the whole question will probably hinge on the first court test of Hershey's interpretation.

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Ragging The Scale

By Bill Kenny

Greetings fellow workers. Yes here we are again. Election time is at hand and with a greater feeling of confidence than ever before we begin our campaign to acquaint you with and welcome you into UAW-CIO.

In the past campaigns we have been criticized by certain individuals for using our column and pamphlets in attacks on some individuals.

Don't you think you should know that Joe tried to illegally elect a Vice President? After him posing as an authority on constitutional procedure and quoting from Roberts Rules of Order when Local 12 group tried you into UAW-CIO.

Do you think it's unfair that we attempt to prove to you that independent unions are run by cliques? (Haven't we got one.) That these cliques work to better themselves? (Look at Red from worker to boss at one full swoop). That the staunchest members are either related or are socially active with management? (Need we name names?)

Don't you think we should tell all the workers that Ozie Oznowitz (our trucker) is allergic to snuff—snuf said.

Don't you think that we should tell all our old members and disgusted Scale Workers that for $2.00 you can sign up in a union for all the workers, not for just a few?

National Supply Unit News

With only four more to go, "Rollicking" Rollie Fredericks will have a baseball team. This time he was pappy to a baby girl. Felicitations to both mother and father.

It's okay to give foremen permission to violate the "No Parking" signs, only the polezi should be let in on it. Fred Smith collected himself a little yellow calling card from the police dept.

National Supply will bowl at the H & H alleys during the 1945-1946 season. There are openings for 16 teams. The league will bowl under handicap the same as previously. Give your entries to H. Black, dept. 84, league secretary. A meeting of team captains will be announced as soon as the organization has progressed to the point where such a meeting should be held. The league will bowl on Monday nights.

Dropping off of his sales in the fish line doesn't bother Russ Riley. He simply raises the price. Lil Abner did likewise with the result that fish dinners have gone up and the plates have become smaller.

Jimmy Rhoades, dept. 39 and brother Gus, dept. 6 are both leaving for the armed forces this week. Lots of luck boys.

Ray Burris, timekeeping dept. blew his top at his foreman last week and went home never to return, at least not until the next morning when he showed up as usual.

Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

Congratulations to organized labor and to the Political Action Committee for the fine job they have done so far for all the workers in this country. We are referring mostly to the new Wagner, Dingel Bill for expanded social security covering 15 million additional workers. The bill provides a more liberalized Old Age and Survivor Insurance, Federal Unemployment Compensation with uniform benefits throughout the states, Health Insurance to which all persons covered by social insurance would have to subscribe. Every one could name their own doctor, dentist or what hospital they want.

We think that every worker whether male or female, independent farmer, farm helper, small business or domestic worker should write to their national representative and senators and ask them to support and vote for this bill. We think this is one of the best and most helpful bills that has come out in the workers favor since we were given the right to organize and collectively bargain.

GARBAGE

Now that the City of Toledo has put all their street sweepers in service the citizens of the 20th Ward demand they put all their garbage wagons in use. We are protesting most vigorously to Mr. Siebens and to the City Council about the laxity in this department. Garbage has not been gathered for the last five weeks in the vicinity of Wheeling St. If the home owners refused to pay their taxes, which is supposed to pay for this service, we would not complain, but we are all taxpayers and voters.

Wake up, Mr. Siebens and get busy so we can get rid of the four legged rats that infest our neighborhood, or are you going to send Art Jurrus out to investigate? Maybe this is one of the faults of the P. R. type of City Government and should be taken out to the Buckeye Dump.

From a member of Political Action Com.

STORY

Now that the 1945 fishing season has started, we have a fish story from the Truck Garage.

Charles Sanford and Merle Leonard, two intrepid and daring fishermen who spent weeks in planning this trip and cranking and fussing with their outboard motor enough times to take them all over the Great Lakes. They promised to send a crate of fish home the third day from Thunder Bay River, near Alpena, Michigan. Ray Pernia the dispatcher has been sending a light delivery truck down to the union station every day to pick it up as soon as it arrives. We would suggest they go to a fish house and buy them and quit worrying. "Bragging is a cheap commodity," but if they do not catch any after all that hot air, they had better apply for two weeks more time and go out and catch or buy some.

Members of Dept. 710—1st Shift feel that they have lost two of their live wire members to the Great Lakes Training Station. Brothers Al Gray and Lawrence Hess, the latter is Claude Hess's son.

We are wishing them all the luck in the world on their grand adventure in Uncle Sam's Navy. Maybe they believe in the old motto, "Join the Navy and see the World."

Champion Unit Sparklets

We heard that Joe Hudson of the Eng. Dept. is searching for a pair of ear muffs to keep the noise from the test motor out of his ears. Has anyone at the Champion got a spare pair to give him.

Burdett Davis of dept. "B" has left to enter the armed forces of the U. S. He is scheduled to enter the Army June 2nd so-long Davis and lots of good luck from all of us.

Horses, horses, horses, crazy over horses!-! I wonder if Earl and Orville from dep't "E" and "L-in-E" will have their mares in shape for Derby-Day. Remember its only a week or so away. P. S. I doubt if either of them ever rode a horse.

Congratulations were in order last week when Clarence Woodling announced the arrival of Woodling Jr." Best wishes to the Mrs. and Son.

Champion Unit soft-ball team is making a great showing again this year, two games played—two victories. Watch the bulletin boards for notice of the next game, then come out and support your team. Past scores Champion 3 Nat'l Supply 1—Champion 8, Packard 3.

Have you noticed that smile on Lou Cousino face recently, we did, and Lou proudly said that his son S/S Louis Cousino of the 15th Air Force is home on a (30) day furlough.

Our sympathy is offered to Jennie Polus in the recent death of her father.

Oh, hum—Bet Marion Young of dept. "L" is having a grand time at Palm Springs where she is visiting her husband S/S Albert Young who is convalescing after serving many months over seas.

Girls!!! Don't forget the Saturday nite Jamboree at the Y. W. C. A.

Dep't "L-in-E" is laying claim to having several talented musicians, namely, Ardeth Snyder and Chuck (Krupa) Gales on the piano and drums, haven't we got any other musicians among us?

Joint Council Jottings

Locals 363 & 35 URWDSEA-CIO

BOSTWICK-BRAUN

Ellery Lusher took a trip to Bowling Green last week and got married. Congratulations Ellery.

Harry Porter went fishing Saturday and came home with a goose.

Chas. Haer went looking for fish and came home with a load of onions. Couldn't you tell the difference Charley?

A baby boy arrived at Don Nietz.

Rudy Diefenthaler's son, Dale, is home on furlough after being liberated from a German prison camp.

Walter Kutz puts in a penny in the Peanut fund and takes out change for a half dollar. That is how tight he is girls. Beware!

Spending Your Buck

By Harold Billheimer

Research Director Local 12 UAW-CIO

OUTLOOK

From a recent series of official actions and pronouncements by heads of various governmental agencies in Washington, it becomes increasingly clear that the role planned for the workers in the post-war period is not one that labor can look forward to with equanimity.

The front pages of our daily papers are all dressed up with glowing predictions for a wonderful period of post-war prosperity, however, if we turn the pages, we read about wage slashes, increasing shortages (particularly in food), price rises and a continuation of the wage freezing little steel formula.

Business Week of May 5, reveals that while Washington talks publicly of a 35 percent cutback in munitions with about two and a half millions jobless, privately they are looking forward to a 50 percent cutback with a maximum of five million unemployed. Those still employed will face wage slashes of from 25 to 40 percent due to elimination of overtime pay with return of the 40 hour week.

ARNING

Chairman Taylor of the War Labor Board warns that there will be no relaxations in wartime controls of labor and that the no-strike policy will remain in force even in plants manufacturing civilian goods. Manufacturers, however, are assured that prices will not be reduced below the high level of 1942 and in some instances will be allowed to go higher.

Chester Bowles, OPA head who has assumed a very sympathetic tone toward war profiteers, assures them that he recognizes important changes have taken place in the factors affecting production costs and promises that such cost increases will not be disregarded even temporarily.

While millions of workers and returning veterans will be forced to exist on some form of the present wholly inadequate state unemployment insurance, corporations are opening their vaults to receive nearly six billion dollars in tax refunds, which, under a scheme cooked up by Treasury and Congressional "tax experts" would become immediately available to them allegedly for reconversion and post-war expansion. Heavy depreciation allowances on plants and machinery for war use have given these corporations an added lift. At 20 percent per year most companies will have received plants from the government without cost to themselves.

With this picture in mind it becomes clear that working people must move quickly to protect their interests. The best possible way of doing this is to spend a buck to become a part of P. A. C. and show congress by political action that we did not like their ideas about equality of sacrifice and do not like their program of semi-starvation for millions of workers after the war.

Germans Re-establish Free Unionism

NEW YORK, May 29 (LPA) —Free trade unionism has come to life again in Germany. Formation of the first union since the Nazis crushed the German labor movement in 1933 (first reported by Labor Press Associates April 7) was confirmed in a cabled dispatch carried last week by the New York "Herald Tribune."

Under the eyes of Allied Military Government officials, the "Herald Tribune" said, 125 hard coal miners at Alsdorf, north of Aachen, set up a "Freier Deutscher Gewerkschafts Bund" (Free German Labor Union).

One of the miners who participated in the historic event had been in a Nazi concentration camp, the story disclosed.

It gave a dramatic description of a rally at which the union was set up. Speakers at the gathering called for revival of unionism to "redeem the German people in the eyes of the world."

Canco Unit Opener

By Ted Modrowski

PASSING GLANCES

If you had passed through the plant the other day these are some sights you may have witnessed . . . Junior Mitchell deciding he would if he could, but he couldn't . . . Cas Pisarski shining his committee badge . . . Agnes Smith munching sweet rolls . . . Bernice DeMuth with that far away look in her eye . . . Bill Kleparek giving free advice . . .

Johnny Iwanicki worrying about his suspension . . . Don Roesler changing light bulbs . . . "One Man Gang" Pacynski directing the working forces . . . Virgil Fought looking for an alarm clock—that works . . . Pauline Ritchie and others listening to a sermon on how to wear safety caps . . . Walter Roginski trying to sell bonds and reach his quota . . . Blanche Strickler telling the people the result if they fail to reach their quota in the 7th War Loan . . . Grace Portentoso and Dorothy Wisniewski making a mad dash for coffee and rolls . . . Don Roesler changing light bulbs . . . Fred Kaltenbach giving some fatherly advice to Herb Dickinson . . . Louie Krempa wiping a mess of aluminum paint . . . Horace Betnley telling Frank Michalski about all of his lady friends . . . Helen Gryeza admiring her medal for the most charming girl in Department 6 . . . Lena Ray and Sophie Szczepanski pouring pennies in their little "betbank" . . . Spud Witkowski looking for someone needing cigarettes . . . Jess Best looking very tired after his vacation . . . Andy Laux putting up our new bulletin boards . . . and last but not least, Don Roesler changing bulbs.

UNIT MEETINGS

The new ruling on meeting fines will not be in effect until July. The procedure and details of the system of checking attendance must be completed and made known to the membership. The meeting fine was passed at 25c at our last unit meeing. This is not a large sum but should be effective in bringing the people out.

Aero Spins —Packard Unit

Bernard Dumas, of TAG, has that long longed-for son, Bernard, Jr. Congratulations!

Cigars and treats were given amongst men and women of TDA when Elmer Weichel announced a boy.

Electrical Department — Harters have a new squawk on their radio—Kathleen Mary, congratulations!

Paul Jepson transferred to days. Hope to see you on nights again, Paul.

Marjorie Champnoise, TDA, is working again after a serious operation. Glad to see you well!

Our sweetheart of Packard on nights, Doris Nichols, has been out a couple nights. We hope it is nothing serious.

"What-A-Leader" Weebcom of MESA, the man who brags of contacts gained by attending Manufacturers' Association conventions after eavesdropping and learning a man's name then asking "Haven't I met you in St. Louis?" What a game and leader!

No comments, night bowlers. Adhesive tape must have been passed around as their scores didn't come anywhere near their prior boast.

Be sure and attend your unit meeting June 11th. Interesting things will occur.

The steel line of TDE celebrated several birthdays this week, namely Lillian Hoover who won't tell the number. May McPherson says she is past eighteen—Katie Hoffman?

Helen Lutife is back again, nice having you and we do mean it.

Who has more "Pep" than anyone—just little blond Sophie.

Eileen Mohr was in the hospital and is recovering from an operation.

Nathaniel Jackson left for Paducah, N. J. to attend his mothers funeral—sympathy extended.

Union Hires overnment Men

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The skills of two top-rank professional men will be at the service of the Int'l Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers-AFL, it was announce last week by President John P. Burke. Serving as research and education directors for the U. S. and Canada respectively will be George W. Brooks and James P. Nicol, Jr.

Their duties will include both aiding local unions in presenting their cases before wartime labor boards, and aiding in rehabilitating pulp and paper mill unions in the countries in Europe which made such products before the war.

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Toledo Stamping Notes

Reason for the sparkle in the eyes of Betty Coty—her husband is home on leave from the hospital.

Mary Spencer, the amiable waitress at the coffee window celebrated a birthday last week.

Pearl Schiffler has been busy entertaining her son who is home on leave from the Army.

Ann Plichinski has been on the sick list. Hope this finds her okay again.

Martha Everett of the brazing room left to join her husband who is stationed in Baltimore.

Elnora Barror, Hazel Way and Marie Wozniak visited on Mike's side on Sunday.

Representatives of Local 12 and the executive shop committee appeared before the Regional War Labor Board last week in Cleveland. We hope the visit will be productive and that we will get some good news before long.

No picture of Rita Menden, Alice Bassett and Jo Bartnikowski is complete without a generous supply of hamburgers and popcorn.

We would like a little news cooperation from Rosaline Emerson and John Karnikowski.

The new girl in the miscellaneous dept. is Veda Davis. Claims to be a decendent of Pocahontas. Wo! Wo!

Monty and Joe Mosakowski came to work Sunday with their eyes wide open. Sorry we can't say the same for Bill Massey.

Bill Reifert says his new car is good on the pickup. The score is two blondes and one brunette so far.

The Acklinite

By Chet Krzeminski

Please notify the welfare committee of any sick or injured members you may know about. This will help them and expedite the work of the committee.

The dollar deducted from your check of Friday, May 25 was for the Welfare Levy which was passed by the Unit at its April meeting.

Acklin won one and lost one last week in the softball league. The team defeated DeVilbiss 10-8 and lost to Willys-Overland 9-2.

Work is going down at Acklin. We hope that the management will try and get more contracts to keep the people at their work for a full work week. There seems to be a condition that needs a good job of adjusting, and we hope that this takes place in the very near future.

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Appointment of William Jacks and Ben Fischer of the United Steelworkers of America-CIO as alternate labor members of the Steel Commission was announced last week by the Natl. War Labor Board. The Steel Commission has authority to approve agreements and decide disputes in that industry.

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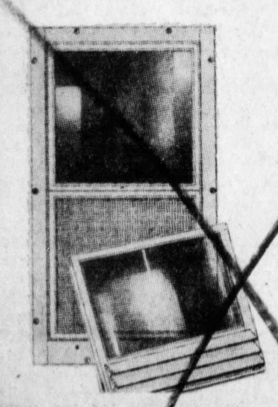

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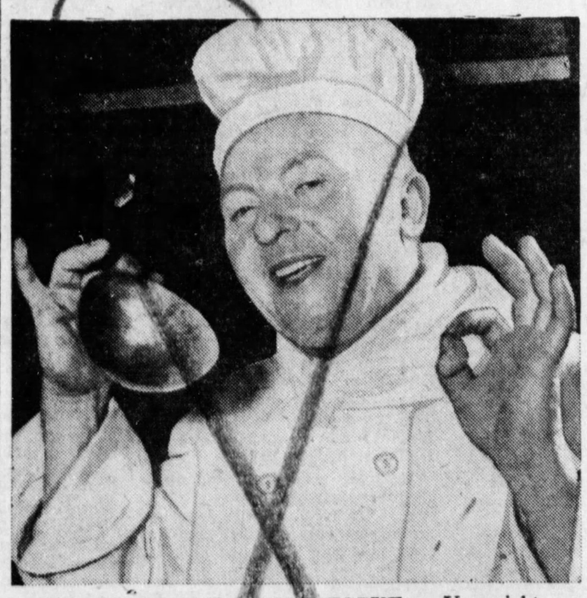

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The Murray-Dingell Bill

Once more Senators Robert F. Wagner and James E. Murray and Representative John D. Dingell have submitted a new "cradle to the grave" social security bill to Congress and once again the reactionaries are howling their protests.

The new bill containing health insurance and liberal unemployment insurance benefits has been extended to cover 15 million persons not now covered by social security, including farm workers, domestics, small business men and others.

Given the complete support of organized labor, the Murray-Dingell bill should not only receive a respectful hearing when it comes before the Senate committee, but it should merit the serious consideration of every member of Congress who must recognize that more adequate protection is necessary to the welfare of the people of this country.

One of the principal opponents of the new bill will again be the American Medical Association which was mainly instrumental in succeeding in burying the former social security legislation on the grounds that it was "socialized medicine." This time, the medical profession will point out that it has established in Ohio and possibly several other states, health insurance which operates in a somewhat similar manner to the hospitalization plan now in use in practically all large cities in the United States.

What the medical profession will not point out is that the "insurance" plan which has been set up in Ohio is completely dominated by members of the profession and business men, and that neither the general public nor labor will have an effective voice in its operation.

States such as Ohio, where a reactionary state Chamber of Commerce has fought to maintain minimum unemployment compensation rates as low as $5 a week will be the principal battle grounds for discussion of the proposed liberalized social security legislation. Obviously employers who can hold unemployment compensation rates to such a ridiculously low figure will not favor beneficial legislation.

Those who oppose the new bill do not recognize that their own security and welfare would be enhanced by the improved social legislation, for what benefits labor and the plain people benefits the nation. The new security legislation would, if passed, be of inestimable benefit to the whole people and is worthy of the support of every man and woman who is interested in their own welfare.

Write your senators and congressmen and tell them of your interest in the new legislation and ask that they give the new "cradle to the grave" social security bill their support and vote.

Racket Papers

Sharp condemnation by AFL President William Green of "The Labor Union" published in Dayton, Ohio by C. E. Breidenbach, brings to our attention the growth of "racket" papers during the war.

Existing primarily as a racket, papers of the type of "The Labor Union" have misrepresented their circulation, threatened those who doubted their effectiveness as a medium of advertising, squeezed small business men and engaged in what almost amounts to extortion.

Nor has Toledo been free from the racket press, for the squeeze play and shakedown are still being put on local business and industrial firms, which, in good faith, have accepted papers such as "The Labor Union" in the belief that they were official AFL or CIO publications.

We urge all Toledo business men and industrial management to place their advertising in papers claiming to represent labor unions with great care, for the racket papers are still with us and working overtime to clean up and get out.

"We are now in the midst of a war, not for conquest, not for vengeance, but for a world in which this nation, and all that this nation represents, will be safe for our children. . . . We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Special Message to Congress, December 9, 1941

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"The issue of this war is the basic issue between those who believe in mankind and those who do not—the ancient issue between those who put their faith in the people and those who put their faith in dictators and tyrants. There have always been those who did not believe in the people, who attempted to block their forward movement across history, to force them back to servility and silence."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Annual Message to Congress, January, 1943

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"The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be the doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, written April 11, 1945 the day before his death.

What's New?

By Edward Duck On Leave With The Army

Editor's Note: Pvt. Duck has seen action in Germany and wrote several columns based on what he has seen and his impressions. Men in action rarely ever write columns. The fact that the former Local 12 educational director does so illustrates his continued interest in his union and its members.

THIS IS WAR

Well folks, I'm in German. . . . Beautiful country . . . they can have it though as far as I'm concerned. I'm picking up souvenirs for my friends—a favorite G. I. hobby which we think we have earned.

It's tough going here, but I'm still glad to be here. People back home cannot possibly realize how Europe lives. We in America, (speaking for myself before getting in on this argument) can't realize the effect of war on this land. No one escapes the results. I don't see how they stand it. I've talked to prisoners, labor slaves and homeless people of many countries, and it has been an education to me.

GRATEFUL TO AMERICA

Men who have been prisoners or labor slaves for years are more grateful to America than anyone could imagine. Their eyes light up and they smile from ear to ear when they learn that we are American troops.

When Walter Murphy told Melvin Schultz that Americans "really have it" he was saying s o m e t h i n g! We are years ahead of Europe in living conditions, discounting the fact that they have been at war. They need help and need it badly, and only America can lead the way. If it is not done I cannot see anything but a repetition of what has just taken place.

No matter what country the prisoners are from (except Germany) Americans are their favorites. This is even true of the Russians, I believe.

SHERMAN WAS RIGHT

Sherman was right, but he never saw the 1945 edition. I think the war will not last much longer over here, and believe me, I'm hoping on my part that the worse is past.

I certainly came close to the Pearly Gates a few times, but the prayers of others as well as my own must have been answered. There aren't any atheists in foxholes, believe me! Having machine guns and burp guns zeroed in on you while running across open fields is strictly for the birds. I desecrated one of J. Strauss' favorite romantic streams by sending my rifle to a watery grave while crossing hand-over-hand under fire. Boy, did I say my prayers! And a few were less fortunate than I.

HOME SWEET HOME

Believe me, lots of fellows are going to really appreciate "home sweet home" like never before. They have seen, heard and experienced more than most of them can tell, more than most of them even want to talk about, and America will look like a million bucks to them when they get back to it.

When a fellow is up against the tough going it sets him to thinking. You review your life—from the time you can first remember down to the time you crawled on your belly like a snake to get a chance to live while machine gun bullets whined over your head. What you think is—if only I am spared I'll live a lot different when I get home. Yes sir, the boys really will be glad to get home.

I think a lot about the Packard plant and wonder about my friends out there. I was really sorry to hear about the TX election going the way it did, but believe that everything will come out in the long run.

One of these days when time permits I'm going to tell about my brother Bob who was a German prisoner whom we liberated. I hope to be able to see him tomorrow. A lot of you may remember Bob when he was on the Toledo police force. He was shot down over Germany and was a prisoner for five months.

Time prevents me from giving more details at this time, but one thing appears certain, and I hope it's true, this war is about over. We have had word that all the Germans were quitting except some in Austria and we all hope that what we hear is not just a rumor. I'll be glad to hear from anyone who cares to write me.

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

FEPC LEGISLATION

Legislation aimed at maintaining a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission is a step in the right direction, the only possible drawback to it lies in the fact that we have never been able to legislate tolerance and understanding into people.

This is definitely not an argument against the permanent FEPC legislation, but merely an observation to illustrate the fact that intolerance, prejudice, lack of understanding and persecution of minority groups will only give way when attacked on the economic and educational fronts.

Intolerance, and its growth or failure to grow, is in inverse proportion to the security of the whole people. In times of great unemployment and want, intolerance grows like weeds in an uncultivated field. When unemployment gives way to employment, and, as has occurred during the war years, to a crying need for workers, bigotry retreats before the march of gainful employment.

Thus, in time of war when intolerance impedes the fullest use of available workers, it becomes possible to set up and maintain a Fair Employment Practices Commission, which, in the main has done a good job of overcoming the handicaps imposed upon minority groups and contributed to the growth of wartime toleration.

But today, after one powerful enemy has been defeated and cutbacks due to cancellation and changes in war contracts have started in earnest, the threat of growing unemployment and insecurity makes the maintenance of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Act rather doubtful in the face of the opposition of Southern politicians who have a particular aversion for minority groups.

Nor are the Southerners entirely devoid of reasoning, for they recognize that as unemployment grows, so will intolerance, and intolerance knows no boundary lines and does not recognize the Mason-Dixon line as the out-of-bounds marker for bigotry. Recognizing that intolerance is not contained with geographical limits, your Southern reactionary congressman knows that his efforts will not only win the applause of his own constituents, but that of many northerners as well.

LEGISLATIVE GOODNESS

We know from our experience with the 18th Amendment that we cannot legislate goodness into the people of this nation. Let us assume for the sake of argument, that sobriety and abstinence are virtues and that it would be well if all people practiced them, yet, when it comes to telling people that they cannot indulge their appetites, we discover that we have run smack into a stone wall. No matter how good our motives may be in creating a law to make everyone sober, we find out that it requires something more than a good motive to win success in making people over to conform to the pattern which we have cut out for them.

Intolerance and prejudice are like intoxicants. No child was ever born with a taste for whiskey, nor is any individual born intolerant. These are things which we acquire as we go through life and are based upon our experience, mental equipment, education and other factors.

Intolerance is not unlike intoxicants, for it poisons the mind rendering it unfit to make a just or reasonable decision, distorts the judgment and colors the thinking of its victims.

Knowing its nature, we recognize the fact that we cannot legislate out intolerance and legislate tolerance in; but we can implement our basic laws with a Fair Employment Practices Act which recognizes a natural right, that of everyone to be gainfully employed and not to be restrained from employment because his or her color, nationality or creed is different from ours.

EDUCATION

In the final analysis, there is only one way that we can make headway in pushing back the frontiers of ignorance upon which breeds and nourishes intolerance, and that is by education.

Our unions have done some good work along this line, not only in placing an anti-discrimination clause in their constitutions, but by attacking intolerance through educational programs which have been productive of much good. There still remains much work to be done to achieve true solidarity in the ranks of the workers, a condition which must prevail on a larger scale if they are to go forward to greater security.

As long as the workers are divided on race, color and creed, so long will the labor movement remain divided. Once the lesson of toleration and understanding has been educated into the workers, and this is one of labor's most important projects, the workers can accomplish things and go places.

Let us by all means have FEPC legislation, but let us implement it with more education to break down the barriers of intolerance which exist within, as well as without the ranks of labor.

Drop a Flower

By Fred Thomas

Memorial Day is a day of flowers. Drop a flower for the Negro, the Catholic, the Jew, who died in Italy, not living to see the bitter-end fight in the Legislature against FEPC in Ohio.

Drop a flower for the soldier who died in Normandy, who did not live to see the House Taxation Committee table a bill which would have helped his family get out of the slums.

Drop a flower for the mentally ill veteran who saw the House Welfare Committee rip the mental health program to bits.

Drop a flower on the grave of the boy whose mother was given no old age pension assistance by the Legislature.

Drop a flower on the unmarked grave of the Unknown Soldier from Ohio, whose father was laid off this week and now looks with foreboding to the Legislature for a real unemployment insurance program.

Drop your flowers—one by one—this Memorial Day on the graves of Ohio's heroes, who died to make their state safe for a boss-riden and heartless Legislature.

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TWILIGHT OF THE PRESS

The United States press has been exposed in its true outlines. Vociferous always in their demand for a free press, American newspapers virtually ignored one of the most dramatic test cases of free journalism in recent years. This case involved the United states Congress. It was a flagrant breach of the rights of a newspaper—PM—to protect the source of their news.

Albert Deutsch, PM's Washington correspondent, interviewed doctors and nurses at veterans hospitals, unearthing a scandalous situation. He wrote his findings. When summoned by the House Veteran's Committee to testify on the situation, he was given no chance to tell what he knew. Instead, he was persecuted by Chairman Rankin (Miss.) for refusing to break the confidences of doctors who had given him his information. The Committee, under Rankin's bitter lash, v o t e d Deutsch in contempt.

This was a deadly attack on the very foundation of a free press. It involved all newspapers, whatever their political hue. But the great challenge went almost unnoticed in the nation's newspapers. A few wrote editorials and then, having done their "mild" duty, dropped the story like a hotcake. While Deutsch and PM battled for their rights, the story of their great battle was virtually suppressed in the press of the nation. Papers that did report this historic contest generally boiled it down to a few paragraphs buried near the obituary column.

Why? you ask. The answer is clear: American journalism, in the main, is so destitute of morality that it fails to take up the gauntlet of battle for its own rights—simply because PM represents a liberal form of journalism. S u c h prostitution saddens a nation which vainly looks for a press that will place integrity above such interests.

On The Beam

By Clayton W. Fountain

I had lunch the other day with a delegation of Belgian journalists who have been touring this country under the auspices of the Office of War Information.

They told me that the occupation of their countr·· by the Nazis had served as a lasting lesson in political education for their people.

Under the Nazi occupation, they said, it was the plutocrats, the rich industrialists, bankers and landlords, who were quickest and most ready to help the invading German tyrants to oppress the Belgian people.

This collaboration of Belgian plutocrats with German Nazis proved what Belgian progressives and laborites had been saying for years: That the plutocracy fears democracy and will join with any gang of goons to stamp it out.

This was proven in France and other occupied countries, as well as in Belgium; and the plutocracy of all countries will act the same way, as I have tried repeatedly in my small way to say in this column.

PEOPLE IN DOUBT

Prior to the German occupation of their country, the Belgian journalists said, there were many p e o p l e who doubted that, given a chance, the Belgian plutocrats would stab democracy in the back.

But the occupation gave them their chance, and they scampered like rats to help the Nazis fasten the yoke of tyranny on the prostrate neck of the Belgian people.

Now the common people in France, Belgium and other liberated countries know the truth.

They know that the plutocrats who pretend to love democracy are mostly liars and fakirs.

They have learned, in bloodshed, anguish and death, that plutocracy is the sworn and deadly enemy of democracy.

LESSON FOR AMERICA

There is a lesson for America in all this, too—especially for the workers and farmers, professionals and small businessmen of this country.

Our own plutocracy has carefully and skillfully created the popular belief that industrialists, b a n k e r s and landlords—especially the very rich ones—are true lovers of democracy.

They have sowed far and wide the false idea that the privilege of getting rich and owning great properties is a basic democratic right, and that anyone who challenges the privileges of the rich is a devilish and un-American Red bent on destroying home ownership, church and womanhood.

This idea has been accepted by many millions of common Americans who regularly vote for plutocratic candidates and thus help plutocracy to maintain its power in this country.

Without this help, rallied by paid plutocratic propagandists, the plutocracy could not maintain the firm grip it has on the factories and real estate of this country.

THE HARD WAY

I hope we in America do not ever have to learn the hard way, as the Belgians did under the Nazi occupation, that plutocracy is a deadly menace to our freedom and our democratic rights.

But we must learn to reject concealed Nazi ideas—if we are to remain free.

Small business men must learn to fight the plutocrats who secretly try to swallow them up.

Farmers must learn to fight the bankers and corporations that grab their land.

Workers must learn to fight racial discrimination—or it will wreck their unions.

Unless we learn these lessons now, under freedom, we will have to learn them later —under tyranny.

'And now among the fading embers,
These in the main are my regrets:
When I am right no one remembers,
When I am wrong no one forgets.'

—Grantland Rice
Ray Stannard Baker.

Regional Views

By Richard Gosser
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

RAISE WAGES

As production cutbacks continue and the work week is cut to 40 hours, it will be necessary to raise wages if we have any hopes of maintaining the purchasing power of the workers.

This desire of the unions to secure 48 hours pay when the 40-hour week is brought back is not entirely selfish, for unless the purchasing power of the workers is held at its present peak, every other line of endeavor will suffer from a falling off in business.

Strict adherence to the little steel formula by the War Labor Board is defeating what rehabilitation could be accomplished now before the war with Japan has ended. It is resulting in a gradual falling off of purchasing power which cannot help but affect those industries which are beginning to reconvert.

We are not asking that the War Labor Board take off all restraints, but we are again pointing out to the Board that it has not met the conditions of rising living costs with realism in granting wage increases to meet this condition. We are just as fearful of inflation as the government and the War Labor Board, but after nearly four years telling the Board our story, still do not seem to be able to make it understand that there can be no prosperity or progress except as it comes from the plain people.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Last week, I ran across some figures which show that the great state of Ohio, one of the nation's most highly industrialized states, pays to the unemployed 15 cents out of every dollar taken into the unemployment compensation fund. The average for the nation is 26 cents and includes many states which lag far behind us in industrial development.

Even as this news was before me, the newspapers carried the story out of Columbus that the powers that be were trying to compromise the new unemployment compensation bill to give the unemployed $20 instead of the $25 asked for and to grant it for 20 weeks instead of the 26 weeks provided in the bill.

The compromise was between the low $18 which the business men and their associations want to give the unemployed and the $25 for which the workers have asked. To me that is not compromise, nor even good sense, for the people who will suffer along with the unemployed are the same business men who will produce less and sell less to people with incomes of $20 than they could to people with $25 a week incomes.

The unemployment compensation bill must not be compromised and the workers must be given higher wages if we have any hope of maintaining our standard of living on a scale where it belongs and which the country can afford to provide.

Washington Labor Report

By Bradford V. Carter
LPA Columnist

PERKINS PASSES

President Truman lived up to current rumors going the rounds of Washington for at least a month and appointed Federal Judge Lewis Schwellenbach as secretary of labor to replace Miss Frances Perkins. The labor people will not be displeased to see a new labor secretary although Miss Perkins is, as one union leader said, "rather a decent sort of a gal."

It is likely that perhaps unknowingly Miss Perkins herself summed up her basic weakness as a secretary of labor in the mind of the unions. Testifying before the House Appropriations Committee recently the following interchange took place:

Representtive Engel (R., Mich.): ". . . The Department of Labor was organized, as you pointed out a number of times, for the purpose of looking after the interests of labor."

Secretary Perkins: "The welfare of labor but not their 'interest' . . ."

Here then is the key to Miss Perkins' ineptness as a secretary of labor. Her conception of a Labor Department is that of a social worker who wants to "do good" rather than that of a person with a keen awareness of the interplay of forces in modern government.

The rash of agencies concerned with labor matters sprang up precisely because the unions could find no genuine sympathy and understanding of their pressing problems in the Labor Department. Miss Perkins used to say a great deal about the overlapping of functions in the labor field but she was never able to see her way clear to do something about transforming her department as an advocate of labor's interests.

NO ORGANIZER

In the 12 years that she has been in office, not once did the secretary seek to organize a continuing labor advisory committee composed of spokesmen of the AFL, CIO and the Railroad unions. She didn't organize an advisory committee because in the judgment of the labor people here she felt that nothing useful could come of a committee of this sort.

Miss Perkins' "welfare" approach lost her the support of the labor movement. Whatever the merits of the case were, it is inconceivable that the unions would have launched their heavy attack on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Cost of Living Index if the department had made a genuine attempt to bring in the unions as advisors.

Judge Schwellenbach brings to his job as secretary of labor an excellent labor record in the United States Senate. There is every hope that he will profit by his predecessor's weaknesses and transform the Department of Labor into a vital and militant spokesman for labor's welfare AND interests.

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

Billy Rose's "Diamond Horseshoe"

Wherein Betty Grable Returns to Screen

By Burny Zawodny

Betty Grable's return to the screen will be punctuated with her appearance in the most important, costliest and lavish musical of her career—"Billy Rose' Diamond Horseshoe."

The producer and writer of the screenplay of "The Song of Bernadette" are bringing this super-musical, in Technicolor, to the screen. They are William Perlberg and George Season.

Burny Zawodny

In fact, "Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe" was written by the man who has been directing it — Seaton. He and Perlberg have been a winning combination for some time. They have collaborated not only on "The Song of Bernadette" and "Billy Rose's Horseshoe," but also on "Coney Island," in which Miss Grable co-starred, and "Charley's Aunt."

But, "Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe" is Seaton's first directorial assignment, thus rounding out an eventful career in the entertainment world, including appearances with stock companies as an actor.

Billy Rose's name is left in the title of the Betty Grable starring musical not only because he managed to make himself a tag for top entertainment, but also so the locale of the story would not become confused with the Diamond Horseshoe of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

Labelled "a musical spectacle as modern and as hot as the times," "Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe" will bring many famous faces to the screen. These include Wiliam Gaxton, whose stage musical hits include "Fifty Million Frenchmen," "Let 'Em Eat Cake," "Of Thee I Sing," "Anything Goes," "Louisiana Purchase" and others; Dick Haymes, the radio favorite who recently completed playing Ernest R. Ball, the American popular song composer in the Technicolor musical, "Irish Eyes Are Smiling"; Phil Silvers, who distinguished himself as one of the screen's best comedians in "Cover Girl"; Beatrice Kay, radio star, and others. This lavish musical is now showing at the Paramount.

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"Gag-of-the-Day". Here is a story that fits some of our boys in Local 12, Don't you think so?

Leaving NBC studios the other day after his broadcast, singer Dick Haymes ran into his dim-wit friend, Luther Twitch. "That suit you have on," Haymes said, "is just about three sizes to big for you."

"I know it doesn't fit me here," explained Luther, "but when I'm home it fits just right."

"Why shouldn't it fit you here?"

"Well, you see, I'm a much bigger man in my home town."

P. S. (Nothing personal).

Jimmy Durantee, turning dancer for the first time in his 35-year career as an entertainer, is being coached by Jack Donohue in his routine for M-G-M's "Two Sisters from Boston."

Durantee has dubbed Donohue a "tyrant," and a "Simon Degree' because he makes The Schnozzle work so hard!

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Last week a party of five couples attended Ka-See's Nite Spot to witness the highly advertised floor show. It must be said here and now, and without pulling any punches, that the writer was disappointed in the performance as it was not up to the usual high class entertainment offered by the popular Lagrange Street night clubs.

The party attending the famous rendezvous consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Teschner, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Abbe Ludacer and Mr. and Mrs. Toth, yours truly, and my "better half."

Seen On A Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD—In a scene from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "She Went to the Races," Francis Gifford is walking along the street, when she encounters a forlorn, seedy looking guy standing on a corner.

She slips a dollar into his hand and whispers, "There's hope."

In the following scene, which takes place a few hours later, she again meets up with the same man.

He goes up to her and hands her six dollars.

"What does this mean?" asks Frances.

"It means, mam, that There's Hope won in the sixth at 5 to 1."

Rug-Cutter?

GROOVIE June Allyson drops rug-cutting and goes domestic for a session of carpet cleaning. Busy as a bumble bee, Junie scarcely has time to enjoy her lovely Beverly Hills home. Latest job for M-G-M is in "Her Highness And The Bellboy."

Dennis O'Keefe Has 'Luck Of The Irish'

HOLLYWOOD.—The "luck of the Irish" is held in full measure by Dennis O'Keefe, the film actor.

His most recent bit of good fortune was having two motion picture producers bidding against each other for his duties.

As a result of the incident, O'Keefe found his salary increased by $1,000 a week, and as such, it establishes him in the $4,000 a week class.

The top bidding producer was Hal Wallis, who signed him to play in Paramount's "The Affairs of Susan" as one of Joan Fontaine's leading men. There are three others, namely George Brent, Don DeFore and Walter Abel.

Hails From Extras

O'Keefe expects the role to open a new field of characterizations for him, thus moving him up the film ladder which he has been steadily climbing since 1935 when he got his first lucky break.

That was when, as an extra, he was playing in a mob scene at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in "Saratoga" with Clark Gable and Jean Harlow. Gable noticed him and called Jack Conway's attention to him. Conway gave him a bit part. In it, he did so well that two months later O'Keefe, previously known as Edward Flanagan, was playing a lead in "Bad Men of Brimstone."

Lives Charmed Life

Four years ago, O'Keefe was involved in a motor accident that almost finished him. Good luck? Despite a compound fracture of the nose, two broken ribs, a jaw fracture, concussion and severe injuries, he came out of it unmarked and able to walk without a limp.

Another time O'Keefe stopped on the street and involved himself in a fracas, thinking he was helping a private police officer who turned out to be a hijacker. O'Keefe ended up being caught dead-center in a gun-battle between rival gang factions. Finally he got out, but not before he had heard the sing of a number of revolver slugs whistling past his ears. All this happened right in his home town of Hollywood where his friends refer to Dennis as "Four-leaf-clover O'Keefe."

Barbara Britton, who went into "Captain Kidd" on loan-out after finishing Paramount's "The Virginian," is studying Shakespeare at the suggestion of Charles Laughton, with whom she appears in the piracy epic.

Heralded as the musical that outstrips them all, "Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe," the dazzling 20th Century-Fox Technicolor picture, starring Betty Grable and Dick Haymes with an outstanding cast of stage, screen and radio stars, opened this week at the Paramount Theatre. The exciting hit tells the romantic story of a girl who looked for love and a boy who wanted to sing—set to the rhythm, laughter and glamor of the screen's most spectacular musical triumph. Mack Gordon and Harry Warren wrote the film's scintillating songs.

Fan's Letter Recalls Star's School Days

HOLLYWOOD — Childhood memories were revived for Van Johnson recently when he received a letter from a former girl schoolmate in Corona, N. Y.

The letter also revealed Johnson's elephantine memory for names.

The former schoolmate had seen a picture of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star in a magazine, showing him with a group of his first grade classmates when he was six years old.

"The little dark-haired youngster, slightly blurred, standing next to you, looks familiar. Do you suppose it could really be me?" she queried in her letter.

Johnson not only assured her that it was she, but also named every one of the other eight kids in the picture—a picture taken twenty years ago!

IRONIC

Jack Haley, currently starring in Pine-Thomas' "People Are Funny," finally achieved a childhood ambition by owning a cattle ranch. But he is kept so busy making pictures that he has no time to work on the ranch.

"Dillinger" Exciting Life Story of Infamous Gangster

As entertainment of a particularly absorbing nature, "Dillinger" is one of the most successful motion pictures of the current season. This genuinely exciting Monogram film, which opened an engagement at the Palace Theatre this week, might almost be called the picture of an era, since it deals with the rampant gangsterism of ten years ago, as exemplified particularly in the career of John Dillinger, one of the most spectacular outlaws in the history of the United States, and classified by the FBI until his death as Public Enemy Number One.

Lawrence Tierney, a comparative "unknown" on the screen and selected partly for that very reason, plays the role of Dillinger, and brings to his characterization a very definite quality of reckless daring and ruthless cruelty. Edmund Lowe, whose talents have long been established, is excellent as the gang leader who is displaced by Dillinger, and Anne Jeffreys is effective as the latter's "moll," the notorious "woman in red." Opening with his first imprisonment for robbery, the action details his muggling of guns to criminals "on the inside" following his release, and their subsequent escape from prison; bank robberies committed by the newly formed gang; Dillinger's capture by the FBI in an Arizona hideout; his escape shortly afterward from jail in Indiana; the gang's gun battle with the FBI at a road house in Wisconsin; the attempted robbery of a mail train; and finally the FBI's ambush of the outlaw as he walked out of a Chicago theatre accompanied by the double-dealing "woman in red."

Secretary Becomes Actress

Emily Massey, who has been Katharine Hepburn's personal secretary for the past seven years, appears with her in "Without Love," new M-G-M picture, now at Loew's Valentine and costarring, Miss Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.

Miss Massey plays Anna, Hepburn's companion-maid. This role is Miss Massey's first important screen assignment, although she had a small part in M-G-M's new Oscar Wilde story, "The Picture of Dorian Gray, which is playing at the Esquire.

"Without Love" is based on Philip Barry's stage hit, and Miss Hepburn appeared as the star in the original Broadway production. The supporting cast of the picture also includes Lucille Ball, Keenan Wynn, Felix Bressart and Gloria Grahame.

M-G-M To Bring Popular Serial Story To Screen

HOLLYWOOD (Special) — "You Were There," one of the most widely acclaimed serials of the year, recently published in the Women's Home Companion, and written by popular author, Thelma Strabel, has been purchased for production as a motion picture by M-G-M.

It will be made with an all-star cast.

MOVIE MOOD MUSIC

In spite of the advent of sound, Director John Ford still likes mood music for his scenes. While cameras turn on Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "They Were Expendable," now on location at Miami Beach, Florida, all is quiet. But between scenes Ford orders atmosphere music on the accordion from actor Dan Borzage.

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GAIL PATRICK ATTENDED HOWARD COLLEGE in ALABAMA.
GLORIA HOPE STARRED in N.Y. NIGHT CLUBS.
It's true! that Jean Porter, pint-sized starlet from Dixie, toured Army camps and hospitals in Kansas, then rushed for the nearest plane of fly back to Hollywood for a featured part with the Wilde Twins in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Twice Blessed."
Only five feet tall and weighing just 98 pounds, the personality-plus daughter of Texas has been trouping in vaudeville and pictures since she was three. "Twice Blessed" will soon be on the screen at Loew's.

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From The Rule Book

By Wilbert "Birdie" Rule
Director of Education and Recreation

The new high commissioner of baseball, Senator A. B. "Happy" Chandler, is thought in some quarters to be ready to quit the $50,000 a year job which the big moguls gave to him a few short weeks ago. The commissioner has been criticized for making a few "boners," but I think that it is only human for a man in a new position to make a few errors. Personally, I think that the Senator is that caliber of man who will profit by his mistakes and will see to it that they do not repeat themselves.

"Birdie" Rule

"Happy" Chandler is a very capable man for the important position as he has a baseball background, is well versed in the sport, and is a person of integrity. He has the position, prestige, and intelligence to represent our national pastime.

If those who are criticizing the new czar would spend the same amount of effort in helping Chandler, he would become more efficient as baseball's highest judge and would be a greater asset to the sport.

No matter who received the appointment of commissioner, he would have a hard time satisfying everyone in his duties, as his predecessor, the late Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was the most respected man in organized baseball and was beloved by every follower of the game. Filling the shoes of a man of that type would require a person of unlimited qualities, an unimpeachable character, and master of diplomacy.

Senator Chandler is blessed with those qualities, probably more than any other candidate mentioned for the high salaried position. More power to you, "Happy," we're pulling with you.

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The 14th Ward Old Timers' Baseball Club, at their meeting Sunday, appointed a commissioner and a protest committee just like they have in the big leagues. The club is sponsoring a six-team baseball league and they're going at it in a big way. Nothing too good for their lads.

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The girls in the Willys-Overland Unit, Aircraft Division, want to know why Ruby Slater doesn't use her muscle on their softball team, instead of just letting it go to waste.

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Beverly Piotraschke, who is keeping the lights on at the Auto-Lite while her husband is overseas, just finished a very successful season as secretary of the girls' bowling league of that Unit. Says that she doesn't know what to do to while away the time waiting for her mate, but thinks that she might go in for summer bowling.

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Local 12 planned to form a golf league, but the enthusiasm was too pronounced and the idea was abandoned. However, several of the Units have announced that te feeling is again running high for such a league and want to form one. So if any Unit wishes to enter one or more four-man teams the Local will sponsor a league. Any chairman interested is asked to call the Sports Editor.

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One day during the lunch hour, Frank Kowalski, a good member of the Gordon Bumper Unit, told other members around him that he always wore two pairs of pants while playing golf. In answer to a question, he stated that he might get "a hole in one."

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Now that the war in Europe has ended, colleges which disbanded sports for the duration are getting ready to resume their schedules. It is almost a certainty that the Army-Notre Dame game will be played in Chicago or New York so that thousands more spectators will be able to enjoy the annual sport treat. It will be good to be able to witness the great intersectional contests again between such rivals as Alabama-Southern California, Fordham-Purdue, Boston College-Florida, and Stanford-Dartmouth.

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Our Toledo Mud Hens are in a sort of a slump, having taken the worst of it on the present road trip, but they will be back in their own back yard for several games and Eddie Gilliland, president of the club, is serving notice that they are going right to the top of the American Association ladder.

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Johnny Demski, member of the American Can Unit of Local 12, has gone back to his first love in the sports world—he is playing baseball again with the Red Cab team. Johnny gave up baseball some years ago and went for softball. Now he says that softball is too effeminate and that baseball is the man's game.

Mebbe so, Johnny, but our Local 12 softballers will have very much to say in defense of their sport.

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Baseball is described as a game in which the young man who bravely strikes out for himself receives no praise for it.

50 YEARS A SPORT SCRIBE

Just 50 years ago this week, Mel Webb, of the Boston Globe, began writing baseball news. For his half-century of service to the game, Webb received a specially engraved pass from the president of the American League.

Good Games Played in Softball League

Ohio District Champions

The Spicer Unit softball team, winner of the Ohio district championship last year, is starting with a bang again this year in the Local 12 Softball League. The team has won three games and lost one so far this season. The players shown are: front row, Earl Ordway, coach, and Bobby Dame, mascot; second row, Robbie Robbins, manager, Herman Orlando, Ace Holden, Wiggie Keeler, Jim Hoffman, Dill Damen, Steve Kaifas, Lefty Jozwiak and Israel Moore; back row, Will Copland, Charley Penn, Don Schuette, Tony Szenderski, Bud Root, Otis McGee, Glen Ginter and Peanuts Amborski.

Veterans' Fund Night Planned

Elaborate plans are progressing for the Local 12 sponsored baseball night at Swayne Field on Tuesday, July 10, when the Toledo Mud Hens play the Indianapolis Indians in a regular American Association League game. Festivities will begin at 8:00 p. m.

In addition to the main game, a preliminary is being planned between two Union teams. There will also be music, drill teams, singing, and a few short talks similar to opening game ceremonies.

Proceeds from this game will be donated to the Veterans' Committee to aid the returning serviceman in rehabilitation and to help him iron out his problems upon his discharge from the armed forces.

There will be 1000 box seats available and all grandstand space will be sold as general admission seats.

Buzz Shrimplin Hits Homer With Bases Filled

The softball games played each Monday and Thursday by teams representing Units affiliated with Local 12, continue to draw large crowds to witness the contests played in the Local 12 Softball League.

To date, three teams have not dropped a contest and are fighting for first place in the league. Those which boast a clean slate are: The American Propeller, Champion Spark Plug, and Willys-Overland, champions of Local 12 leagues for the past three years.

The Auto-Lite team could get only one hit, Monday, off the speedy delivery of Ace Holden, of the Spicer Unit, and the Spicer men took a well-earned victory to the tune of 6 to 1. Tony Szenderski helped the winners with two hits, including a triple.

In another one-hit contest, Chuck Kozina, of the Willys-Overland softballers, was master of the situation and defeated the National Supply Unit 3 to 1. Ollie Ezczybelewski got two hits in three trips to the plate. The game was played at Beatty Park.

A home run with the bases filled was the achievement of Buzz Shrimplin as his American Propeller teammates defeated the DeVilbiss nine, 16 to 3, at Willys Park. Bud Martin pitched for the winners, who nicked the opposition for 15 hits. The DeVilbiss team had two errors.

The Gordon-Mather boys trimmed the Packard outfit at Wilson Park, 6 to 4, each team getting five hits. Carl Lavoy pitched good ball for the winners and Chuck Rodgers drove a two-base hit which brought in the winning two-run margin. The game was closely fought right up to the last inning.

Another home run hitter with two men on base was Jack Clifford of the Champion Spark Plub team as they easily defeated the Acklin Stamping Unit at Highland Park before a large crowd. The score was 10 to 2. Bill Flegaus pitched steady ball for the winners and allowed the Ackinites only five scattered hits.

The State of Ohio appropriated $3,500 for "Testing Methods of Increasing Racoon Populations."

Ralph Mason Sports Asset

One of the most ardent followers of Local 12 sports is Ralph Mason, a member of the executive shop committee of the Spicer Unit, and one of the most popular employees of that plant.

Ralph Mason

Ralph managed the Local 12 team which was the top-notch outfit in the Toledo Baseball Federation. He also played first base on the Spicer softball team which won the Toledo Industrial League championship and which won five games at Napoleon, Ohio, to take the sectional title. This team went to the state championship games at Columbus and won the first game, but lost the next two games, and the crown, by close scores.

For the past ten years, Mason has managed amateur baseball teams in and around Toledo and has been a big help in promoting the sport among youngsters. On several occasions he has donated equipment to outfit boys' teams and has given much of his time instructing them in the game's fine points.

Fishing as an aid in herabilitating convalescing veterans of this war is getting careful attention from the Michigan Department of Conservation and the United States Fish and Wildliffe Service.

Softball Game

The following games are listed for the Local 12 Softball League for the week beginning June 4.

Monday, June 4, at 6:45 p. m.

DeVilbiss vs. Auto-Lite at Willys Park No. 1; Acklin Stamping vs. Gordon-Mather at Wilson Park No. 1; Spicer vs. National Supply at Wilson Park No. 4; American Propeller vs. Packard Motor at Willys Park No. 3; Champion Spark Plug vs. Willys - Overland at Highland Park No. 2.

Thursday, June 7, at 6:45 p. m.

American Propeller vs. National Supply at Wilson Park No. 1; DeVilbiss vs. Packard Motor at Willys Park No. 1; Champion Spark Plug vs. Gordon-Mather at Highland Park No. 1; Spicer vs. Willys-Overland at Highland Park No. 2; Auto-Lite vs. Acklin Stamping at Wilson Park No. 4.

For almost three years the Detroit Tigers led all American League teams in the number of players in the armed service, but the Philadelphia Athletics have finally shoved the Tigers out of first place in the service league standings.

National Supply Girls Enjoy Outing

The girls of the National Supply Unit opened their summer athletic season with a basket picnic, Sunday, at Walbridge Park. A softball game was the main attraction of the outing, which was an all-day affair at the park.

On their program was a visit to the zoo, rides on the concessions, and a boat ride around the islands in the beautiful Maumee river. After a day at the park, the girls boarded busses for the downtown district where they attended a movie and, above all things, finished their picnic lunch.

Captain Chooses Successor

Joe Ponsetto, Navy athlete from Flint, has been named captain of the University of Michigan football team for next season, Ponsetto is rated one of the best quarterbacks in the country.

Captain-elect Bruce Hilkene, another Navy athlete, has been transferred to another station, and chose Ponsetto to take his place, after Fritz Crisler, Michigan head coach, asked him to name a successor.

Girls' Softball Meet Wednesday

The players and managers of the girls' softball league, to be sponsored by Local 12 will hold their next meeting Wednesday, June 6, in Room 209 at Local headquarters. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p. m. and all those wishing to partake in the league are asked to attend.

Eddie Kurek Named Golf Manager

A mid-summer golf tournament sponsored by and open to men and women members of Local 12, is being arranged by a golf committee. The tourney will be held during the first week in August and will be conducted under a "blind par" setup.

Eddie Kurek, one of Toledo's best known golfers and well qualified to conduct tournaments, has been named tournament manager and will be assisted by a committee. He is a chairman of the Klopping Unit of Local 12.

Any member of Local 12 who wishes to take part in the tourney is asked to give his or her name to the Unit chairman who will in turn give the names to the Sports Editor of the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL.

There will be several prizes consisting of athletic goods and sportswear which will be awarded to winners of the different divisions.

The committee in charge of the tourney expects the enrollment to be about 300 golfers and, as it will be a "blind par" affair, everyone will have a chance for one of the many prizes.

Softball Team Standings

The following is a list of the Local 12 Softball League standings, including Monday's games.

	Won	Lost
Willys-Overland	3	0
American Propeller	3	0
Champion Spark Plug	3	0
Spicer Mfg. Co.	3	1
Gordon-Mather	1	2
Acklin Stamping	1	2
DeVilbiss Mfg. Co.	0	2
Auto-Lite	0	2
National Supply	0	2
Packard Motors	0	3

The Army and Navy baseball teams will clash next fall and it is rumored that George "Birdie" Tebbets, former Tiger catcher, will manage the Army nine while Bill Dickey, former Yankee star, will boss the Navy players.

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